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## HIGHLIGHTS

*Grain & Hay Stocks  
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Government Payments*

## STOCKS OF GRAIN AND HAY

Corn stored in all positions on December 1, 1999, in Nebraska totaled 1,030.2 million bushels, 4% below December 1, 1998 holdings. Wheat holdings totaled 73.9 million bushels, 1% below December 1, 1998. Soybean stocks totaled 143.1 million bushels, 21% above December 1, 1998. Sorghum stocks at 44.6 million bushels were down 21% from a year ago. Hay stocks on Nebraska farms were 5% below a year earlier and accounted for 5% of the U.S. total.

## STOCKS OF GRAIN & HAY

Grain and Position	NEBRASKA				UNITED STATES			
	Dec. 1, 1997	Dec. 1, 1998	Dec. 1, 1999	1999 1998	Dec. 1, 1997	Dec. 1, 1998	Dec. 1, 1999	1999 1998
	Thousand bushels				Thousand bushels			
	Pct.				Pct.			
Corn								
On Farms	660,000	740,000	700,000	95	4,822,000	5,320,000	5,180,000	97
Off Farms 1/	328,135	334,970	330,189	99	2,424,756	2,731,846	2,839,860	104
Total	988,135	1,074,970	1,030,189	96	7,246,756	8,051,846	8,019,860	100
All Wheat								
On Farms	13,500	22,500	24,000	107	604,000	680,200	648,800	95
Off Farms 1/	36,480	52,163	49,933	96	1,015,242	1,215,481	1,230,184	101
Total	49,980	74,663	73,933	99	1,619,242	1,895,681	1,878,984	99
Soybeans								
On Farms	43,000	54,000	60,000	111	1,048,000	1,187,000	1,150,000	97
Off Farms 1/	66,025	63,807	83,062	130	951,417	999,440	1,032,192	103
Total	109,025	117,807	143,062	121	1,999,417	2,186,440	2,182,192	100
Sorghum								
On Farms	21,000	18,000	16,000	89	99,625	95,900	89,300	93
Off Farms 1/	35,135	38,142	28,569	75	274,244	239,416	259,264	108
Total	56,135	56,142	44,569	79	373,869	335,316	348,564	104
Oats								
On Farms	2,400	2,600	3,100	119	83,200	81,500	82,100	101
Off Farms 1/	*	*	*	---	61,051	61,835	53,973	87
Total	*	*	*	---	144,251	143,335	136,073	95
All Hay	Thousand tons				Thousand tons			
On Farms	4,549	5,170	4,900	95	103,044	111,839	108,668	97

1/ Includes stocks at mills, elevators, warehouses, terminals, and processors. \* Not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

## GRAIN STORAGE CAPACITY

There were 531 commercially licensed off-farm grain storage facilities in Nebraska as of December 1, 1999. Storage capacity for these facilities totaled 660.8 million bushels up 5% from a year ago.

On-farm storage capacity in Nebraska is estimated at 1.03 billion bushels, down 2% from last year.

In the United States, off-farm grain storage facilities totaled 9,995 on December 1, 1999, 277 fewer than on December 1, 1998. Capacity of off-farm commercial grain storage totaled 8.09 billion bushels in the U.S., up 1% from December 1, 1998. Twenty-three States and New England showed increases from last year, 14 States recorded decreases in capacity and three were unchanged.

The U.S. on-farm grain storage capacity totaled 11.2 billion bushels on December 1, 1999, up slightly from December 1, 1998.

## NUMBER AND CAPACITY OF OFF-FARM GRAIN STORAGE FACILITIES, SELECTED STATES, DECEMBER 1, 1998-1999

State	Facilities		Storage Capacity	
	1998	1999	1998	1999
NEBR. ....	524	531	628,610	660,840
Iowa .....	552	521	1,025,700	999,710
Ill. ....	1,013	1,018	1,081,720	1,094,050
Ind. ....	430	409	342,400	351,810
Kans. ....	876	866	783,650	782,200
Minn. ....	676	656	479,460	495,500
Mo. ....	482	471	277,600	278,880
S. Dak. ....	290	287	135,000	145,000
Texas ....	550	530	578,060	572,300
U.S. ....	10,272	9,995	8,003,190	8,087,250

## ROW CROPS AND HAY ANNUAL SUMMARY

Nebraska producers harvested a record 33.6 million tons of feed grains in 1999, down 8% from last year's record high. Feed grain tonnage was lower for all four feed grains (corn, sorghum, oats and barley). Nebraska's 1999 corn for grain crop totaled 1.15 billion bushels, the third highest of record. This is down 7% from last year's record high, but 2% above 1997. Sorghum for grain totaled 42.8 million bushels, 24% below 1998 and 30% below 1997's production. Soybean production totaled a record high 180.6 million bushels, 9% above 1998 and 26% above 1997. Hay production totaled 7.6 million tons, down 1% from last year. Dry edible bean production totaled 3.7 million cwt. up slightly from last year. Sugar beet production totaled 1.26 million tons, up 35% from last year. All potato production of 10.5 million cwt. was 8% above last year. Sunflower seed production totaled 116 million pounds, 43% above last year. Area harvested totaled 97,000 acres.

U.S. corn for grain production for 1999 was estimated at 9.44 billion bushels, down 3% from 1998, and down 1% from the November 1 forecast. Sorghum for grain production was estimated at 595 million bushels, up 14% from 1998 production. Soybean production totaled 2.64 billion bushels, down 1% from November 1 and down 4% from 1998. Soybean yield per acre averaged 36.5 bushels for 1999, 0.2 bushel below the November 1 forecast. All hay production was estimated at 159 million tons, down slightly from October 1 but up 5% from 1998. Production of dry edible beans is estimated at 33.2 million cwt. for 1999, 9% above 1998 and 13% above two years ago. Sugar beet production was estimated at a record high 33.3 million tons, 2% above the previous record established in 1998. Total 1999 potato production is estimated at 478 million cwt., up less than 1% from 1998. Sunflower production in 1999 totaled 4.34 billion pounds, down 18% from 1998.

### 1999 ESTIMATES AND COMPARATIVE DATA -- NEBRASKA AND THE UNITED STATES

Classification	NEBRASKA				UNITED STATES			
	1997	1998	1999	1999 % of 1998	1997	1998	1999	1999 % of 1998
<b>Corn for Grain:</b>								
Harvested . . . . . 1,000 Acres	8,600	8,550	8,300	97	72,671	72,589	70,537	97
Yield . . . . . Bushels	132.0	*145.0	139.0	96	126.7	134.4	133.8	100
Production . . . . . 1,000 Bushels	1,135,200	*1,239,750	1,153,700	93	9,206,832	9,758,685	9,437,337	97
<b>Corn for Grain, Irrigated:</b>								
Harvested . . . . . 1,000 Acres	5,400	5,250	4,800	91	---	---	---	---
Yield . . . . . Bushels	151.6	*161.3	159.4	99	---	---	---	---
Production . . . . . 1,000 Bushels	818,400	847,050	765,200	90	---	---	---	---
<b>Corn for Grain, Non-Irrigated:</b>								
Harvested . . . . . 1,000 Acres	3,200	3,300	3,500	106	---	---	---	---
Yield . . . . . Bushels	99.0	*119.0	111.0	93	---	---	---	---
Production . . . . . 1,000 Bushels	316,800	*392,700	388,500	99	---	---	---	---
<b>Corn for Silage:</b>								
Harvested . . . . . 1,000 Acres	225	190	230	121	6,054	5,913	6,062	103
Yield . . . . . Tons	15.5	17.0	17.0	100	16.1	16.1	15.9	99
Production . . . . . 1,000 Tons	3,488	3,230	3,910	121	97,192	95,479	96,169	101
<b>Sorghum for Grain:</b>								
Harvested . . . . . 1,000 Acres	750	600	470	78	9,158	7,723	8,544	111
Yield . . . . . Bushels	81.0	94.0	91.0	97	69.2	67.3	69.7	104
Production . . . . . 1,000 Bushels	60,750	56,400	42,770	76	633,545	519,933	595,166	114
<b>Sorghum for Silage:</b>								
Harvested . . . . . 1,000 Acres	40	35	20	57	412	308	320	104
Yield . . . . . Tons	10.5	11.0	12.5	114	13.1	11.4	11.6	102
Production . . . . . 1,000 Tons	420	385	250	65	5,385	3,526	3,716	105
<b>Soybeans for Beans:</b>								
Harvested . . . . . 1,000 Acres	3,550	3,750	*4,250	113	69,110	70,441	72,476	103
Yield . . . . . Bushels	40.5	44.0	42.5	97	38.9	38.9	36.5	94
Production . . . . . 1,000 Bushels	143,775	165,000	*180,625	109	2,688,750	2,741,014	2,642,908	96
<b>All Hay:</b>								
Harvested . . . . . 1,000 Acres	3,200	3,200	3,200	100	61,084	60,076	63,160	105
Yield . . . . . Tons	2.12	2.40	2.38	99	2.50	2.53	2.52	100
Production . . . . . 1,000 Tons	6,790	7,680	7,610	99	152,536	151,780	159,077	105
<b>Alfalfa Hay:</b>								
Harvested . . . . . 1,000 Acres	1,300	1,400	1,400	100	23,551	23,672	23,985	101
Yield . . . . . Tons	3.25	3.75	3.70	99	3.33	3.48	3.50	101
Production . . . . . 1,000 Tons	4,225	5,250	5,180	99	78,535	82,310	83,924	102
<b>All Other Hay 1/:</b>								
Harvested . . . . . 1,000 Acres	1,900	1,800	1,800	100	37,533	36,404	39,175	108
Yield . . . . . Tons	1.35	1.35	1.35	100	1.97	1.91	1.92	101
Production . . . . . 1,000 Tons	2,565	2,430	2,430	100	74,001	69,470	75,153	108
<b>Wild Hay:</b>								
Harvested . . . . . 1,000 Acres	1,500	1,500	1,500	100	---	---	---	---
Yield . . . . . Tons	1.11	1.16	1.20	103	---	---	---	---
Production . . . . . 1,000 Tons	1,665	1,740	1,800	103	---	---	---	---
<b>Potatoes, All:</b>								
Harvested . . . . . 1,000 Acres	24.0	*26.2	25.7	98	1,353.6	1,387.7	1,332.6	96
Yield . . . . . Cwt.	390	373	*409	110	345	343	359	105
Production . . . . . 1,000 Cwt.	9,360	9,781	*10,524	108	467,091	475,771	478,398	101
<b>Beans, Dry Edible:</b>								
Harvested . . . . . 1,000 Acres	180.0	188.0	187.0	99	1,758.8	1,917.7	1,877.0	98
Yield . . . . . Pounds	2,060	1,950	2,000	103	1,670	1,586	1,770	112
Production . . . . . 1,000 Cwt.	3,708	3,666	3,740	102	29,370	30,418	33,230	109
<b>Sugar Beets:</b>								
Harvested . . . . . 1,000 Acres	60.3	47.4	66.2	140	1,428.3	1,450.7	1,527.1	105
Yield . . . . . Tons	16.8	19.7	19.0	96	20.9	22.4	21.8	97
Production . . . . . 1,000 Tons	1,013	934	1,258	135	29,886	32,499	33,319	103
<b>Sunflower 2/:</b>								
Harvested . . . . . 1,000 Acres	53	68	97	143	2,792	3,492	3,441	99
Yield . . . . . Lbs.	1,112	1,191	1,195	100	1,317	1,510	1,262	84
Production . . . . . 1,000 Lbs.	58,920	81,020	115,950	143	3,676,952	5,273,162	4,341,862	82

1/ Includes wild hay. 2/ U.S. estimates include all states except Alaska and Hawaii. \* Record.

# NEBRASKA -- ACREAGE, YIELD AND PRODUCTION BY DISTRICT, 1998-1999 1/

District	CORN FOR GRAIN							
	Acres Planted		Acres Harvested		Yield per Harv. Acre		Production	
	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999
	1,000 acres				Bushels		1,000 bushels	
Northwest .....	335.0	345.0	316.3	315.0	134.6	126.0	42,560.0	39,690.0
North .....	395.0	360.0	370.3	330.0	144.6	141.0	53,550.0	46,530.0
Northeast .....	1,555.0	1,540.0	1,495.5	1,470.0	139.4	130.0	208,475.9	191,100.0
Central .....	1,170.0	1,145.0	1,134.3	1,105.0	153.9	145.0	174,548.1	160,225.0
East .....	2,185.0	2,090.0	2,143.3	2,050.0	147.1	140.4	315,377.2	287,720.0
Southwest .....	955.0	965.0	929.4	925.0	145.9	139.0	135,598.6	128,575.0
South .....	1,040.0	990.0	1,020.7	970.0	150.8	150.0	153,936.4	145,500.0
Southeast .....	1,165.0	1,165.0	1,140.2	1,135.0	136.6	136.0	155,703.8	154,360.0
NEBRASKA .....	8,800.0	8,600.0	8,550.0	8,300.0	145.0	139.0	1,239,750.0	1,153,700.0

District	SOYBEANS FOR BEANS							
	Acres Planted		Acres Harvested		Yield per Harv. Acre		Production	
	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999
	1,000 acres				Bushels		1,000 bushels	
Northwest .....	1.0	2.0	0.7	1.0	26.3	30.0	18.4	30.0
North .....	129.0	150.0	125.4	148.0	47.8	46.0	5,995.1	6,808.0
Northeast .....	1,080.0	1,175.0	1,062.1	1,165.0	43.7	39.0	46,446.2	45,435.0
Central .....	195.0	235.0	187.8	232.0	45.9	49.0	8,612.8	11,368.0
East .....	1,265.0	1,400.0	1,256.0	1,386.0	45.6	44.5	57,281.8	61,734.0
Southwest .....	40.0	58.0	39.2	52.0	45.9	47.0	1,798.7	2,444.0
South .....	195.0	290.0	191.0	286.0	48.0	51.0	9,159.3	14,586.0
Southeast .....	895.0	990.0	887.8	980.0	40.2	39.0	35,687.7	38,220.0
NEBRASKA .....	3,800.0	4,300.0	3,750.0	4,250.0	44.0	42.5	165,000.0	180,625.0

District	SORGHUM FOR GRAIN							
	Acres Planted		Acres Harvested		Yield per Harv. Acre		Production	
	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999
	1,000 acres				Bushels		1,000 bushels	
Northwest .....	14.0	10.0	4.1	3.0	53.7	50.0	220.0	150.0
North .....	10.5	5.0	5.0	2.0	80.8	60.0	404.0	120.0
Northeast .....	12.5	5.0	3.2	1.0	71.3	70.0	228.0	70.0
Central .....	25.0	12.0	10.5	4.0	75.5	80.0	792.5	320.0
East .....	100.0	64.0	91.3	58.0	99.5	91.0	9,086.0	5,278.0
Southwest .....	53.0	54.0	34.7	31.0	81.7	87.0	2,835.0	2,697.0
South .....	95.0	80.0	83.1	68.0	99.0	95.0	8,230.0	6,460.0
Southeast .....	390.0	320.0	368.1	303.0	94.0	91.3	34,604.5	27,675.0
NEBRASKA .....	700.0	550.0	600.0	470.0	94.0	91.0	56,400.0	42,770.0

1/ Preliminary estimates 1999. NOTE: Planted acres are for all purposes.

## WINTER WHEAT SEEDINGS

Nebraska's winter wheat seedings for the 2000 crop totaled 1.85 million acres, down 7% from last year and the lowest of record dating back to 1909. Seeding of the crop began near the first of September and by mid-month proceeded ahead of normal for the remainder of the planting season. Dry soils during the fall months slowed emergence and caused stands to be uneven in Southeastern counties. Snowfall in the west during the first few days of the New Year provided some moisture. The crop condition rating at the end of December showed 66% of the crop in good or excellent condition, below 77% last year.

In the United States, winter wheat seeded area for the 2000 crop is expected to total 42.9 million acres, down 1% from 1999. This is the smallest area since 1972. Class breakdowns approximate: Hard Red Winter, 30.3 million; Soft Red Winter, 9.2 million; White Winter, 3.4 million.

## WINTER WHEAT SEEDINGS, SELECTED STATES & U.S. 1998-2000

State	Area Seeded All Purposes			
	Crop of			2000 1999
	1998	1999	2000	
	1,000 acres			Pct.
Colorado .....	2,750	2,600	2,550	98
Idaho .....	820	760	780	103
Illinois .....	1,250	1,050	950	90
Indiana .....	700	550	550	100
Kansas .....	10,700	10,000	9,800	98
Missouri .....	1,350	980	1,000	102
Montana .....	1,400	1,050	1,500	143
NEBRASKA .....	1,900	2,000	1,850	93
Ohio .....	1,200	1,050	1,020	97
Oklahoma .....	6,600	6,400	6,100	95
Oregon .....	810	710	730	103
So. Dakota .....	1,500	1,300	1,350	104
Texas .....	6,100	6,200	5,800	94
Washington .....	2,200	1,900	1,850	97
United States .....	46,449	43,431	42,916	99

# U.S. GRAINS SUPPLY AND DISAPPEARANCE OUTLOOK

CROP YEAR	U.S. GRAIN SUPPLY AND DISAPPEARANCE OUTLOOK									
	S U P P L Y				MARKET YEAR DISAPPEARANCE 1/*				Market Year Ending Stocks*	Average Market Price
	Pro- duction	Begin- ning stocks	Im- ports	Total	Domestic		Ex- ports	Total		
					Primary Use 2/	Other				

Million bushels

\$/bu.

## CORN:

1997/98	9,207	883	9	10,099	5,505	1,782	1,504	8,791	1,308	2.43
1998/99	9,759	1,308	19	11,085	5,496	1,822	1,981	9,298	1,787	1.94
1999/00	9,437	1,787	15	11,239	5,650	1,900	1,975	9,525	1,714	1.70-2.10

## SOYBEANS:

1997/98	2,689	132	5	2,826	1,597	156	873	2,626	200	6.47
1998/99	2,741	200	3	2,944	1,590	205	801	2,595	348	4.93
1999/00	2,643	348	3	2,994	1,605	159	865	2,629	365	4.50-5.00

## WHEAT:

1997/98	2,481	444	95	3,020	914	343	1,040	2,298	722	3.38
1998/99	2,547	722	103	3,373	908	478	1,042	2,427	946	2.65
1999/00	2,302	946	100	3,348	910	391	1,075	2,376	972	2.50-2.60

## SORGHUM:

1997/98	634	47	---	681	365	55	212	632	49	2.21
1998/99	520	49	---	569	262	45	197	504	65	1.66
1999/00	595	65	---	660	340	55	210	605	55	1.45-1.85

\* Projections for 1998 and 1999 crops are USDA's World Outlook Board expectations of supply and disappearance as of January 12, 2000. Totals may not add due to rounding.

1/ Marketing year begins: Corn, Sorghum & Soybeans, September 1; Wheat, June 1.

2/ Primary uses: Corn & Sorghum = Feed; Soybeans = Crushing; Wheat = Food.

## PROSO MILLET

Nebraska's proso millet production was 4.95 million bushels from 150,000 acres harvested. Yield averaged 33 bushels per acre.

United States proso millet production was estimated at 17.9 million bushels for 1999. Farmers planted a total of 600,000 acres of proso millet for all purposes. Area harvested for grain and seed was estimated at 540,000 acres. The U.S. average yield per acre was estimated at 33.2 bushels per acre.

## NEBRASKA'S GOVERNMENT PAYMENTS BY PROGRAM

In 1998, Nebraska farmers collected \$797.4 million in government payments. This was 75% more than the \$454.6 million in 1997 and 105% more than the \$388.7 million in 1996. Here's a breakout for the distribution of the \$797.4 million by program:

Program	1,000 Dollars
Feed Grain	(470)
Wheat	(11)
Wool Act	0
Production Flexibility	
Contracts	430,620
Loan Deficiency	
Payments	106,550
Conservation	58,692
Miscellaneous	202,001
Total	797,382

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